

B+C
cost

a server coupled to the filter, the server having memory to store the electronic documents, the server to selectively permit access to the published electronic documents.

2. (Canceled)

Sub
C2
B2

3. (Amended) The system defined in Claim 1 wherein the multifunction machine comprises a print driver that selectively publishes one or more electronic documents on a network.

4. (Amended) The system defined in Claim 1 wherein the filter provides one or more target authorized users with a Universal Resource Locator (URL) corresponding to a published electronic document.

5. (Amended) The system defined in Claim 1 wherein the server deletes one or more published documents based upon existence of a condition.

6. (Amended) The system defined in Claim 5 wherein the condition comprises one or more accesses by one or more authorized users.

7. (Amended) The system defined in Claim 5 wherein the condition comprises a predetermined time after the document has been stored on the server.

C2
B3

8. (Twice Amended) The system defined in Claim 1 wherein the server maintains access logs and updates the access logs each time a published electronic document is accessed.

C2

9. (Unamended) The system defined in Claim 1 wherein the server comprises a system manager.

10. (Unamended) The system defined in Claim 9 wherein the system manager is capable of accessing access logs.

11. (Unamended) The system defined in Claim 9 wherein the system manager notifies the publisher that a document was accessed by a user.

C2
B4

12. (Amended) The system defined in Claim 11 wherein the server manager automatically sends an electronic mail message to the publisher in response to the electronic document being accessed by a user.

13. (Unamended) The system defined in Claim 1 wherein the filter performs virus removal.

C2
B5

14. (Twice Amended) A method comprising:

a multifunction machine saving a copy of multiple electronic documents to a server in the absence of an explicit command by a user and in response to another user

specified function associated with the electronic documents;

selecting a subset of the multiple saved electronic documents for publication;

sending a network document identifier and password for accessing the one or more selected electronic documents; and

accessing the electronic document using the network documents identifier and password.

15. (Unamended) The method defined in Claim 14 wherein sending the electronic document comprises a multi-function machine printing the electronic document.

16. (Unamended) The method defined in Claim 14 further comprising generating a security key.

17. (Twice Amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:
receiving multiple electronic documents at a server that have been saved in the absence of an explicit command by a user to save the electronic documents and in response to another user specified function associated with the electronic documents; and
the server allowing access to a selected subset of the electronic documents by using a security key and a document resource identifier.

18. (Twice Amended) The method defined in Claim 17 further comprising the server automatically notifying a user that an electronic mail message containing a Universal Resource Locator (URL) has been sent from a server.

19. (Unamended) The method defined in Claim 17 further comprising preventing access to the electronic document once a condition exists.

20. (Unamended) The method defined in Claim 19 wherein the condition is a predetermined amount of time has passed.

21. (Unamended) The method defined in Claim 19 wherein the condition is the electronic document has been accessed a predetermined number of times.

22. (Twice Amended) An apparatus comprising:
means for receiving multiple electronic documents at a server that have been saved in the absence of an explicit command by a user to save the electronic documents and in response to another user specified function associated with the electronic documents; and
means for allowing access to a selected subset of the electronic documents by using a security key and a document resource identifier.

23. (Twice Amended) The apparatus defined in Claim 22 further comprising means for automatically notifying a user that an electronic-mail message containing a Universal Resource Locator (URL) has been sent from a server.

24. (Unamended) The method defined in Claim 22 further comprising means for preventing access to the electronic document once a condition exists.

25. (Unamended) The method defined in Claim 24 wherein the condition is a predetermined amount of time has passed.

26. (Unamended) The method defined in Claim 24 wherein the condition is the electronic document has been accessed a predetermined number of times.

27. (Unamended) The apparatus defined in Claim 22 further comprising means for generating the security key.

28. (Amended) An article of manufacture having one or more recordable media having a plurality of executable instructions stored thereon which, when executed by a processing device, cause the processing device to:

receive multiple electronic documents at a server that have been saved in the absence of an explicit command by a user to save the electronic documents and in response to another user specified function associated with the electronic documents; and